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PACT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

The Japanese Imperial Government and the German Government, admitting that the object of the Communist International (so-called Comintern), is the destruction and oppression by force of existing nations with all the possible ways and means, in the firm belief that to overlook the interference by Communist International with these nations' internal relations not only jeopardizes their domestic peace and social welfare but also is a menace to world peace as a whole, desirous to cooperate for the defense against Communistic destruction, concluded a pact as follows:

Article 1

The contracting parties agree to inform each other of the Communist International's activities, to discuss necessary measures for defense and promise to fulfill such measures through close cooperation.

Article 2

The contracting parties will jointly invite a third nation, whose internal peace is menaced by destructive activities of the Communist International, to take defense measures in the spirit of this pact, or to participate in the pact.

Article 3

As regards this pact, the Japanese and German texts are official. It comes into force on the day of signing and will be effective for five years. The contracting parties will, at a proper date prior to the expiration of the term, come to an understanding as to the form of co-operation between the two countries thereafter.

As an evidence thereof, the undersigned duly entrusted by their respective home governments, signed and sealed this pact. Two copies of this pact were prepared at Berlin on the 25th November of the 11th year of Showa, i.e. the 25th November, 1936.

(Sgd) Viscount MUSHAKOJI, Kintomo  
Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador  
Plenipotentiary of Japanese Empire.

(Sgd) JOACHIM V. RIPPENTROP  
Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador  
Plenipotentiary of Germany.

ACCESSORY PROTOCOL  
to the Pact against the Communist International

On the occasion of signing today of the Pact against the Communist International, the undersigned Envoys Plenipotentiary agreed as follows:

(a) The authorities of the two contracting parties will closely cooperate with each other as regards the exchange of information relating to the activities of the Communist International and the enlightenment and defense measures against the Communist International.

(b) The authorities of the two contracting parties will take drastic steps, within the bounds of the existing law, in dealing with persons who, at home or abroad, directly or indirectly, are serving with the Communist International or foster its destructive activity.

(c) In order to facilitate the cooperation of the authorities of the two contracting parties, as provided in forementioned (a), a standing commission will be established. Other defense measures necessary for checking the destructive activities of the Communist International will be studied and discussed by the said commission.

Berlin, the 25th November of the 11th year of SHOWA, i.e. the 25th November, 1936.

(Signed) Viscount MUSHAKOJI, Kintomo  
Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador  
Plenipotentiary of Japanese Empire.

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PROTOCOL

The Japanese Imperial Government, the Italian Government and the German Government, in view of the fact that the Communist International is constantly endangering the civilized world in both the Orient and Occident, and disturbing and destroying their peace and order, believing firmly that only the close cooperation among all the nations desirous of maintaining peace and order will be able to reduce and eliminate the said danger in view of the fact that Italy, who had fought the said danger with an indomitable determination since the inception of the Fascist Regime, and driven away the Communist International from her territory, has decided to fight against the common enemy with Japan and Germany, upholding the same intentions for defense against the Communist International, according to the provisions of Article II of the Pact

against the Communist International, as concluded between Japan and Germany on 25 November, 1936 in Berlin, have concluded an agreement as follows:

Article I

Italy participates in the Treaty and its attribute protocol against the Communist International, which has been concluded between Japan and Germany on 25 November 1936. The texts of the said Pact and accessory protocol are attached as appendices of this protocol.

Article II

The three signatories of this protocol agree that Italy is to be regarded as an original signatory of the treaty and accessory protocol as set forth in the preceding article.

The signature affixed on this protocol is as good as that on the original text of the treaty and accessory protocol.

Article III

This protocol makes one body together with the aforementioned treaty and its accessory protocol.

Article IV

This protocol is prepared in Japanese, Italian and German and respective texts are official.

This protocol will come into force as from the day of signing.

As an evidence thereof the undersigned, duly entrusted by their respective home governments, signed and sealed this protocol.

Two copies of this protocol were prepared in Rome on 6 November of the 12th year of SHOWA, i.e. 1937; 6 November of the 16th year of the Fascist calendar.

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